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BUILDING RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITIES



MERRY

Christmas

Dear RCMers,

Season's Greetings!

As we walk towards the end of an eventful year, we celebrate all our successes, little and large, equally.

Our own Cricket League auction has brought enthusiasts together.

An insightful talk by our speaker brings us closer to making ourselves responsible to an environment friendly world.

Don't miss out on the action at RCM!

Merry Christmas!

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Sunita Suresh

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 18th - Rtn. Rajesh Shankar
Dec. 19th - Rtn. Subramaniam S.
Dec. 21st - Rtn. Dhananjaya Das K
Dec. 23rd - Rtn. Asha Mathen
Dec. 24th - Rtn. Ravindran. G

Dec. 18th - Ann. Supriya, Spouse of
Rtn. Vikram Chesetty
Dec. 19th - Ann. Deepthi Prasanna, Spouse of
Rtn. Prasanna Rajagopalan
Dec. 24th - Ann. Jayashri, Spouse of
Jayaramakrishnan .K

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 20th - Rtn. Mahul H. Shah & Indraprabha
Dec. 21st - Rtn. Mahul Uday Nanavati & Anisha

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Minutes of the 24th Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras

held at the Hyatt Regency on 19.12.23 | 07 at 4.00 pm

Call to Order and Invocation:

Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan called the 24th weekly meeting to order.

Silent Invocation was observed.

The meeting commenced at 01:30 PM, with Sergeant-at-arms PP Rtn. Mohan Raman collaring President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan, who formally called the meeting to order.

President Ravi Sundaresan:

President Ravi Sundaresan thanked Rtn. Mohan Raman for collaring him and welcomed everyone to the 24th weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Madras.

Confirmation of the 23rd weekly meeting held on December 15 was requested.

Welcome any guests present.

IPP Jayshree Sridhar made an announcement about her international address in South Africa.

IPP Jayshree Sridhar:

Shared her experience addressing the Rotary Club of Pineland in Cape Town, South Africa.

Discussed topics such as India's growth, climate change, and had engaging discussions with the club members.

Handed over the flag to the President.

Rtn. Shivkumar Easwaran:

Made an announcement about the Rotary Club of Madras Premier League cricket auction.

Shared details about the overwhelming response, team owners, and the format of the tournament.

Emphasised the fellowship aspect of the event.

Cyclone Relief Kit Distribution Update:

President provided an update on the cyclone relief kit distribution.

S.No.	Particulars	Qty
1	Flood Relief Kit Sourced from Food Bank	1000
2	Flood Relief Kit Sourced from District	500
	Total Qty	1500
	Flood Relief Kit Distribution Data	
a.	Distributed till yesterday	1380
b.	Balance To be distributed Today / Tomorrow	120

Shared the number of kits distributed, funds raised from our RCM Rs.5.64 Lakhs and thanked members for their generous support.

Some amount from abroad through known Friends



and other Corporates. Balance any shortfall we will be using our Charitable Trust Funds.

Showed a video on cyclone relief kit distribution.

Induction of New Members:

Three new members were introduced:

- Mr. Vijay Narayanan,
- Mr. Doulat Jain, and
- Mr. Kunal Patel.

PP Rtn. Dr. Biswakumar introduced Vijay Narayanan.

Rtn. Hemant P. Chordia introduced Doulat Jain.

PP Rtn. Guneshkar introduced Kunal Patel.

President formally admitted them to membership.

Committee Allocations:

New members were allocated to different committees: Finance, Medical Camps, Rotary Nagar. Secretary Sesha Sai made committee announcements.

Secretary's Announcements:

Christmas eve celebration at Madras Club hosted by Madras Club members.

Largest medical camp with 7000 children at SDNB Vaishnav College.

Birthday and anniversary celebrations.

AGM on December 26.

Guest Speaker - Mr. C.B. Ramkumar:

- Introduced as an accomplished author, speaker, trainer, consultant, entrepreneur, and full-time farmer.
- Shared insights on sustainability and climate change.

Vote of Thanks:

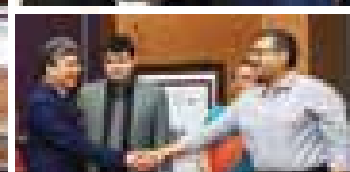
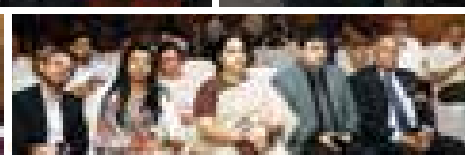
- Delivered by Secretary Rtn. Sesha Sai.

Adjournment:

- President adjourned the meeting. ■

From the 24th Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras December 19, 2023





TOUCHING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE, WE DON'T KNOW



CB Ramkumar, an extremely erudite and passionate speaker, had us enthralled this afternoon. Calling him an advocate of sustainable tourism does no credit to all that he appears to have achieved throughout his life.

He so eloquently took us through the journey of his life, with stories that made it all so real for us. From a 'normal' professional life to being inspired to 'run marathons' for a cause; understanding the true pressures and pain of a poor farmer couple, to the crippling cycle of life that shrouds the young of migrant worker families.

This journey has clearly inspired him to become what he is today, a warrior for the environment, for the underprivileged, and the 'unspoken for'.

He then went on to challenge each one of us to dig deep into our conscience, to think about what would be the legacy we leave behind. To understand that we have only one mother earth to sustain life as we know it for the next generations, even as we consume at a rate that would require three and a half times the resources this planet can provide.

Focus on just one thing he said – conspicuous mindless consumption; and went on to explain his concerns with great examples.

He directly appealed to the members of RCM, that given what each one of us has been blessed with; we should explore the profound impact we can

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have on society in general; and use our extensive capabilities to good effect.

Here is a man who walks his talk, having created a sustainable luxury resort, debunking the theory that luxury and sustainability cannot go hand in hand. And then went on to record his theories in a book that could very well become a handbook for future generations of 'Sustainability Warriors'.

He certainly left us with a lot to think about, and audit our actions and our lifestyles in the light of all he said this afternoon. It was an afternoon well spent; one which elevated our thinking to a higher level. Kudos to our organizing team; and a big thank you to PP Venkat Ramani, who facilitated his presence this afternoon.

- Rtn. AM Visvanathan



SRI SANKARA VIDYASHRAMAM MAT. HR. SEC SCHOOL

INTERACT CLUB 2022 - 23

A TRIBUTE BEFITTING THE BRAVEHEARTS OF OUR MOTHER LAND

The 'Take Pride in India Vijay March' was held on 16th December, 2023, organized by the spirited youth of NCCUDAAN of Chennai at Victory War Memorial, Chennai, to celebrate India's unprecedented noble victory in the Indo-Pak war of 1971. The event commenced with War Veterans and GOC paying their respects to the Martyrs with a wreath laying ceremony, followed by the National Anthem. Students and teachers also paid their floral tributes. The efforts of NCCUDAAN saw the coming together of officers, war veterans, NCC cadets, Rotarians, school students and teachers. Two Interactors who are also NCC cadets along with a teacher co-ordinator from Sri Sankara Vidyashramam School, attended the ceremony. **Rtn. Nalini Radhakrishnan** of NCCUDAAN met the Interactors / NCC cadets and motivated them to appreciate the sacrifices of the brave soldiers and explore the opportunities available in the Army to serve our country.

**The 'Take Pride in India Vijay March' is a testament that India is in safe hands!
The Army is the reason we know peace!**

STUDENTS FEEDBACK

Dhaariga, Std IX - Interactor / NCC Cadet

It was a proud moment for me to be a part of such an eventful celebration. I am thankful to the Rotary and the NCCUDAAN.

Shivakaviyarasi, Std IX - Interactor / NCC Cadet

As I witnessed the events unfold, of the Vijay March with the wreath laying ceremony, meeting Rtn. Nalini Radhakrishnan of NCCUDAAN and the war veterans, strengthened my resolve to join the Army and make our nation proud.

- Rtn. Balaji Chinni ■





RCMPL PLAYERS AUCTION



Friday December 15th was a special day for RCM!

It was a day to remember as Mr. Narayanamoorthy the IT icon was presented with the “Lifetime Achievement Award” by Shri. Palanivel Thiagarajan, the IT minister of Tamil Nadu and the first ever players auction was held for the RCM PREMIER LEAGUE cricket teams as well.

The way to the auction was paved with a number of meetings of the RCMPL committee, Modalities & Rules laid out, venues inspected, sponsors sought culminating in a curtain raiser at MCC.

The players registration portal was opened and closed in a couple of hours with 160 odd registrations from the district. Calls to participate continue to flow in from various quarters, a testimony to the interest that RCMPL has generated.

The Auction was meticulously curated, spearheaded by the efforts of Shiv Eashwaran & Bobby Balakrishna, Chair & Co-Chair of the event. RCMPL consisting of 8 teams, sponsored by generous RCMers guided by eight Marquee players with extensive knowledge of talent in the Rotary District.

Jagan was the auctioneer and the event were conducted with grace & ease, interspaced with a lot of suggestions and quips. It was all fun and good-natured leg pulling with 30 odd Rotarians from different clubs from the district. Needless to say, it was fellowship & Camaraderie at its best!

It was not all jokes & jest either. There was intent to choose the best of players and an underlaying effort to lay the foundation to win the RCMPL Trophy in this inaugural year.

Mention must be made of the Tech team of Sriman & Deepak, the ACE Rotractors who put together the platform for the auction. It was as perfect as it could get and literally matched the process followed in IPL. It was flawless and catered to all that was required with no complaints from anyone. The tech platform was handled deftly by Mr. Rajagopal and the result was an absolute glitch free conduct of the entire event.

The two young MC s were very sound in their effort. (Pun Intended!).

The Teams & Owners/Co-Owners:

India Winners	: Rtn. Bharath Shivkumar
Shivsu Warriors	: Rtn. Shivkumar Eashwaran
Chona Super Kings	: Rtn. EMC Palaniappan, V R Sanjay Kumar
PCM Gurus	: Rtn. Rajesh Somasundaram, Prabha Narasimhan, Ashok Thakkar,
Uma Eye Champions	: Rtn. Dr. Arulmozhi Varman
South Super Stars	: Rtn. B V Gautam
Thaliavaas	: Rtn. Bobby Balakrishna
IVS Leading Lions	: Rtn. Rajesh Shankar

The “Title Sponsor” is our own South Superstar, B V GAUTAM. As his wont he readily agreed to contribute the most as the Title Sponsor.

Jerseys of different hues, Colors & designs with the team logos were also released prior auction. Efforts are on to get corporate sponsors in and make this a mega fund raiser for RCM. The tournament is certain to grab a number of eyeballs as its slated to be YOU TUBED live and the final is scheduled to be held at MAC stadium.

The schedule of the tournament is under finalization and will in all likelihood be in the middle of February.

The President & The Tournament committee looks forward to the support of all RCMers in this endeavor. Our appeal to you is to contribute with ideas & Suggestions that you may have to make this a humongous success. We look forward to everyone’s participation!

Thank you! ■

